

TRUE

CHRISTIAN

LOVE,

To be sung with any of the
common tunes of the

Psalms.

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Coloss. 3. 16.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you
richly, in all wisdom, teaching and
admonishing one another in Psalms
and Hymns, and spiritual Songs,
singing with a grace in your hearts,
to the Lord.



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THE READER

Since **CHRIST**s fair Tro
craves no mans art,
Takethis rude song in better pa

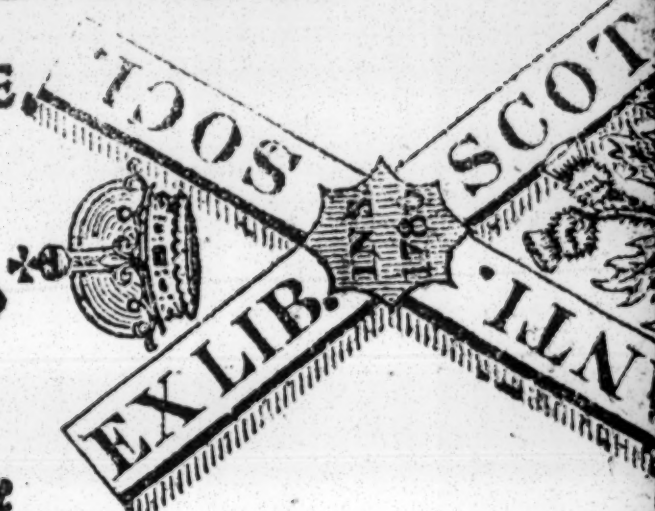




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I have a heart for love
I cannot choose but have :
A love that can give full content,
the least as I can crave.

I want not flatters, and they all
have agents still with me,
Who promise that which I do seek ;
but sure I know they lie.

Though honor beight to lift me up,
and wammes me to serve :

Yet their attendants shars me not,
nor makes my heart to swerve.

Pale fear, Dusk envy, care and toll,
with other ill bew'n wights,
Wait for my service if I weed,
their matters, & what ights.

The only thing like to prebail,
was marche unto my mind :

When fancy buskt my party with
perfections of each kind.

But now I see that fancy is
not real, as it seems :

No earthly love can give content :
all loves but Christ are dreams.

Psal. 4. 6. 7.

1. John. 2.
45. 16. 17.

1. Tim. 6. 9.

Eccles. 1. 2.

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Then why want I contenting love,
Since Christs love may be had :

In whom is all that I do seek,
Or can be thought or said :

What other loves do seem to have,
Is truly in him found :

Cant. 5. 10. The scattered beauties of them all,
In him art jointly bound.

What they do lack and cannot have,
Because they finit be :

It's infinite in him, it stands
For ever still : O be,

Oe, be, is only worthy love,
And nothing else but he :

Alace, that vanity so long
Hath so bewitched me.

Why heard I flattering idols words :
Why did I partly keep :

Why suffered I affliction
To sing me so asleep :

Mal. 77. 22. How went I on so foolishly,
And kept so oft their cryst,
As if false loves could be found true,
And had no mind of Christ :

No, not when Christ was saving me,
And they found oft untrue :

I stuck still in their bonds, and could
My self no wayes rescue.

Mal. 73. 23. Yet good and wise Lord Jesus Christ,
Did still pursue my love :

He knew, though I refus'd my heart
Was his, he could me move.

Cant. 8. 4. And now it's done, my love is thine,
Lord Jesus, come receive

This whorish heart, and suffer not
My soul hence to deceive.

There shal my suiters all me serve,
But thou my Love shalt be.

They shal be mine, not I theirs, else
They shal not follow me.

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Thus shall I have advantage twofold,
 and blest shall be my lot:
 I'll get my lovers goods, and love
 above theirs, well I wot.
 A love that will not me despise,
 though I unworthy be.
 Though vile and loathsome, yet will he
 not loath, but pity me.
 Though fickle I, he will not change,
 his constancy is known:
 Of change no shadow is with him,
 he loves for ay his own.
 When I for want of wit and strength
 offend, and do confess:
 He will not chide, but pardon me
 my faults both more and less.
 He will not charge upon me lay,
 more then I may well bear:
 But will my burthens, as I need,
 support: I do not fear.
 No wrath at others will cause him
 unpleasant be to me:
 No slanderer will get his ear,
 to hear of me a lie.
 He will not misconstrue my words,
 he will not angry be:
 Nor fret without a cause, nor frown,
 nor fitch a fault falsely:
 Nor mark my ways so narrowly,
 as nothing is pass by.
 His love will hide my sin in love,
 faith safely may rely
 He will not waste his heritage,
 nor will himself disgrace:
 No foes can hurt him, and their spite
 he turns upon their face.
 His love to other Saints shall not
 work prejudice to me,
 More then the Suns light unto all,
 both hinder me to see.

Can. 15. 1.

Ezek. 16.

5. 6.

Mal. 3. 6.

James. 1.

17.

John 13. 15.

Psal. 103.

8. 9.

1. Cor. 10.

16.

Hab. 3. 25.

Isai. 17. 45.

Psal. 103. 3.

1. Pet. 4. 9.

Psal. 89. 22.

John 13.

No causeless jealousy will we
at any time his mind :

Isa. 30. 21. But if he see my heart go wrong,

Rev. 2. 19. I know he is so kind,
As to admonish and rebuke,
and chasten if it need ;
And so me save from perishing,
too oft deserv'd indeed.

Gen. 12. 3. If I be sad, he will be loath
yet more to vex my heart :

Nam. 24. 9 If any other will do so,
'gainst them hee'll take my part.
And those that grieve me, he will grieve
and curse them more and less
That curseth me, so will he those
that bless me surely bless.

Job 5. 29. If trouble set about me round,
he will not me forsake,

Psal. 61. 15. Nor leave me comfortless alone,
but pittie on me take.

Pet. 13. 17. And if he hide his face a while,
as wisdom oft requires,

James 1. 2. He both but exercise my faith,
and sharpen my desires.

And if he seem to stay well long,
that I become so dead,

As I can neither say nor sing,
nor meditate, nor read :

Nor do ought else that might as waite
hears pangs in such a case :

But sigh and drowp, and hand my breath
long looking for his grace.

Uttering but broken words or none,
perplex't with thoughts confus'd :

Suggestions whisper all the while,
as if I were refus'd.

John. 5. 14. Yet still his gracious hand doth me
support with secret strength,

Isai. 23. 12. And makes me in these deeps not drowne
but brings me through at length.

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When time he keeps my scattred words, Psal. 56. 8.
and sailing those my tears :

In books and bottles, and takes course
to rid me out of fears.

And sailing both my words and tears,
he marks each woful groan :

And sailing those my sighs, and all
the parcels of my moan.

Dea when I sit astonish'd,
my lifted hands and looks

Psal. 120. 2.

Speaks all my mind to him, as if
it written were in books.

For he doth search the heart and knows
what is the spirits mind :

And as its fit gives answer to
needs cry in every kind.

And look how sharp these tryals are,
their fruit is far more sweet :

His countenance compenseth all,
with one blink when we meet.

Rom. 8. 27.

For he doth make my heart more glad,
then any tongue can tell :

Psal. 20. 5.

Though grief was great, yet joy is now
more sweet then grief was fell.

Psal. 4. 7.

For judge ye whosoever felt

Psal. 34. 21.

what weight in sin, what grief,
a mind oppress'd what anguish is,
when soul sees no relief.

Psal. 76.

What torment in perplexity,
what horror in Gods wrath,

What hell in feared eternity,
at losing of his breath.

to verse.

And presuppose a soul were sure
to dwell at last above

In heaven with Christ, yet know ye not
what languor is in love :

Prov. 13. 12

What sickness in deferred hopes,

Psal. 22. 42.

What battel without fo?

Psal. 11. 6. 3

What trouble when God hides his face

24 and 7. 8.

And seems us to forgo.

Now

Now judge again, when weights are
grief, anguish, torments gone :
For joy, death, hell, eternity,
of fear now there is none.

But in their place the heart lift up,
life, light, and rest is come :

Felt love, peace, victory, hearts heal
and Christs Spirit, all in sum.

Judge when our much provoked Lord
himself shows reconcil'd,

If with the joy that then is felt,
a heart may not be fill'd.

Now what can others love do here,
to souls in such a case,

Joh. 15. 13. But add more grief, and make the veil
more thick to hide Christs face :

Then other loves all get you gone,
or else take servants place :

Too hard conditions were to me,
for you to quire his face.

Psal. 64. 10 For one hour's joy in him is more,
though mixt with bitter tears,

Then all earths honor, pleasure, wealth
can yeeld in many years.

Psal. 116. 7. Now let me rest and rouse my love,

Gal. 2. 20. who first me lov'd, and chus'd,
And long call'd for my worthless love
and would not be refus'd.

I'll seek his love as he sought mine
and learn of him to love,

Since he invites I cannot miss,
though whiles he shal me prove.

John 2. 18 My love is Fathers eldest son,
his Father, King of Kings :

His heritage is heaven and earth,
and in them both all things,

Dan 2. 47. His wisdom laid the world round,
Psa. 2. 8. and parted sea and Land,

Heb. 1. 2. Earths body through, as veins he

Prov. 8. 22. the waters with his hand.

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He made the Sun and Stars so swift,
yet not be seen to move,
Yet men on earth had vered been
with motions from above.
His strength upholds this weighty globe,
and yet which is far more,
He bare our sins and heavy wrath,
deserv'd of us therefore.

For truth Gods promises in him
are all, Yea, and Amen:
For love, his death for us a proof,
sufficient hath been.

2 Cor. 1. 20

Rom. 5. 8.

For justice, he can do no wrong,
for mercy, there is none,
O that in hell be, who have sought
for grace through him alone.

Most lofty and most lowly mind,
most good and most severe,
Most lovely, and most terrible,
do all in him cohere.

Deut. 2. 31.

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Isai. 57. 15.

Mat. 11. 29

He meekest lamb to all his friends,
a Lion to his foes.

He gives his peace to all that comes,
his wrath follows all that goes.

No foe can stand before his face,
no fugitive can flee,

No lurking hole can hide from him,
his eyes do all things see.

Mal. 3. 2.

Psal. 139. 8

9. 10. 11. 12

Rev. 4. 7.

Mat. 28. 20

Almighty all where present, though
his body heaven contain.

Eternal God, though he as man,
mans properties retain.

No robbery for his Majesty
his fathers match to be,

He fathers God-head and the Spirits,
and his are one all three.

Therefore when I do love the Son,
I love the Father too,

Phil. 2. 6.

1 Joh. 5. 7.

And so the Spirit, who dwells in him,
to all I worship do.

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- Gen. 3. 22. He is the tree of life to me,
 ibid. 24. and so to all his own.
 Iohn. 5. No fiery sword debars us now,
 all we for friends are known.
 14. 15. In him my sabbath is begun,
 Gen. 2. 32. he teacheth me to cease,
 Heb. 4. 10. From mine own worke, and lead me
 Gen. 2. 10. his rest, by steps of peace.
 Flood branch'd in four to water all
 new plants of paradise,
 Redeem'd, and holy, making them, in
 and righteous, and wise.
 Though we have slain him, yet his bles-
 speaks better thing for us,
 Gen. 4. 14. Then Abels crying curie : but his
 cries, Lord, be gracious.
 Though wrath should overflow the
 as with a new deluge,
 Gen. 6. 10. Or fire consume the earth, yet Thy
 safe Ark is our refuge.
 For now no wrath unmixt with love
 that of his own be felt.
 Because God in his sacrifice,
 Gen. 8. 21. the smell of death hath mixt.
 Gen. 9. 31. And as the bow in cloud is pawn
 of not returning flood :
 Isa. 54. 9. So is that offering constant pledge,
 of our eternal good.
 Gen. 12. True Isaac offered up for me,
 not minted at, but slain :
 Gen. 12. Wilt Isaac-like in this escape,
 though slain, be rose again.
 Sweet Joseph by his brethren sold
 by our means made to serve :
 He hath provided well our food,
 lest we through want should starve
 Heb. 2. 14. From Egypts bonds and slavery
 15. its he that sets us free :
 Gen. 19. Its he that both prepare our way
 through floods and raging sea.

That Prophet rais'd like Moses true,
 but fruitfuller then he:
 he law, and curse, and types of good,
 Christ, grace and truth gives me.
 My duty Moses shewes, but strength
 none can he give to do,
 But Christ, by teaching gives me life,
 and will, and action to.
 The Priest that offered only once,
 and pacify'd for ay:
 And needs not Aaron-like repeat
 his sacrifice each day.
 For Arons offering oft did prove
 his offering unperfite:
 But Christs, because it perfect makes,
 God still our sins to quite.
 In him all laws and types are fill'd,
 in him they have an end:
 No further use of them, since God
 did Christ their substance send.
 No priest by office now on earth,
 no proper sacrifice,
 no altar of materials,
 no fixt place of service.
 The tent where God dwells bodily,
 the temple where he rest
 set for meeting of our God,
 as reconcil'd is Christ.
 The ark with ready Angels cled,
 the mercy-seat of God,
 access, and oracles of peace,
 giving to us abroad.
 In him the withered rod bears fruit,
 with him is manna hid:
 The law in him lyes clos'd from speech,
 except through mercies lid.
 In him my prayers are perfum'd,
 and smell as incense sweet:
 In him my cup is furnished,
 and table fill'd with meat,

Heb. 2. 3.

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Joh. 11. 17.

2^d Cor. 3. 6.

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Heb. 7. 16.

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Heb. 10. 14

Heb. 7. 12.

John. 4. 27.

Heb. 9. 2.

&c.

Num. 17. 2.

Heb. 7.

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The priest, the altar, and the lamb,
the laver washing all :

And what else any rite did sign,
he fills up great and smal.

Col. 9. 17. The judge which rids his people from
all adversaries hand.

Our kindly King, by whom we may
possess that promis'd land.

To all his subjects affable,
above all earthly Kings :

His basest servants have his ear
at all times in all things.

He is the Churches dearest love,
and therefore must be mine,

Though I be base, yet will his grace
I sa. 17. 15. to be my love incline.

Oft hath he prov'd his love to me,
and will not now decline :

Oft hath his love much sweeter been
to me than finest wine.

Cant. 1. 2. Oft hath the preaching of his word
in straits and fears of death,

Cant. 1. 2. As sweetest kisses been to me,
convey'd with lively breath.

Cant. 2. 5. Oft hath his Apples hunger stay'd
my thirst his flaggons quench't,

Cant. 2. 3. Oft hath his shadow me refresh't,
as herbs by dew bedrench't.

Oft in his love with drawing, he
from bed hath made me rise,

And seek him long before I found
to make me after wise,

Cant. 4. 2. And when we met his wrath was
he call'd me spouse betroth'd.

And washing me by pardon, said
My false love, though self-lost

From sacred love, I't my soul saw
who made me clean but thou :

Cant. 11. 3. who made a child of wrath like
Cant. 1. 16. And reconciled now :

Hos. 2. 3.

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What makes me lovely but thy love
What set the price on me :

Whose beauty makes me fair but thine :
What have I not from thee :

By exaltation is come,

To be a child of God,

By thy descending to be man,

And some whiles here abode.

By clean conception and birth,

Moves thee to be the tree,

Here cut from Adams filthy stock,

I impud clean must be.

By manger makes my bed more soft,

By stable makes me lins :

By birthright home brings me where Luke 2. 16

By countrey-people wins.

By wisdom in thy child-hood, hides

By foolish youthful toys :

By self devoting unto griefs,

Ground of all my joyes.

By emptying, my fuiness is.

By meannesse me promotes :

By hyding of thy royal state,

Kingdom me allots.

By servants shape, and service done,

From service lets me free,

From bondage of proud Satans yoke,

And sins strong tyrannie.

By lurking thirty years unknown,

Ever makes me shine,

By glory, far above the reach

Subtilest engine.

By name enrol'd in sinners book

By Baptism, makes my name

Be enrol'd amongst the saints,

With those of greatest fame,

Offering suretyship for me,

God, at Jordans bank,

Redeem'd me of my sins, and hell :

It's me, and God I thank.

Luke 1. 35

Mat. 2. 12

Luke. 2. 47

Phil. 2. 7

Luke 3. 23

Mat. 13. 16

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Isai. 8 18. 14

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I hear thee say to God, Behold
me, and my children all.

I hear the Father answer thee,
I love you great and small.

I hear thee say: Take me for them
let me their burden bear?

I hear the Father cry, Content,
come, children, come, and hear.

Isai. 55. 5.

Come hear the Covenant between
me and my dearest Son

Come give your hearts consent to
and then your bargain's done.

I hear thee say, Mans one is death
I'll do thy will, O Lord.

My soul and body both for theirs

Psal. 4. 8.

let suffer I accord.

Mat. 3. 17.

I hear thy fathers voice from heaven
cry, lovely Son art thou:

These all, and this (and that which
are thine, I'm pleased now.

I hear him say to all, and me,
Go, hear my Son, and live.

He drew I came, they welcom'd me
and life, I feel, dost give.

Psal. 61. 1.

Now take me to thee where thou
for we must never wed.

In faith my soul is glew'd to thee
lead me as blind are led.

Cross satans teeth, if our way ly,
and cross each other so:

Mat. 27. 33.

To Priests, to bench, to Golgotha
lead me, and I will go.

But lead, and leave me not, or else
I cannot miss to fall:

If thou do hold me in thy hand,
I fear no fo at all.

Rom. 8. 31.

Thy combats makes me not afraid
for what could make me wo;

Mat. 8. 31.

Thy victory my conflict makes
to be with vanquish'd fo.

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Mat. 4. 1.

by going to the wilderness
brings me to Saints City :
by fighting all alone, makes me
fight in thy company.

by being tempted forty dayes,
all my dayes makes me sure.

Matth. 4. 1.

by presence, help and comfort shal
with tempted me, endure.

Heb 2. 18.

by some wrong mean I be tempt
to all my natures lust :

Matth. 4. 3.

by God to tempt, neglecting means,
under pretence of trust,

& 4. 5.

by help or hazard life, some way,
which God will not allow :

see thee still before me, Lord,
my helper yet be thou.

its true my flesh doth grieve to think
what may thy Saints befall :

what horrible suggestions,
and blasphemies withall :

what shapes and apparitions,
by night some some by day :

Mat. 1. 4. 8.

what power of this flesh, yet thou
so used my fear do stay.

what dangerous of all, me thinks,
when Satan God to scorn,

what false religion worship craves,
and hides both hoot and horn.

Matth. 4. 6.

what Angel-like in some mans mouth,
hides to some Image bow :

what worldly motives brings thy truth,
to cause me disavow.

in this case, Lord, give light, that I
may Satan bid avoide :

Matth. 10.

what thousands here for fault of light,
shuld have been and destroyed.

what free me from this ill I know
what trouble shal me breed.

what make the world me persecute
with spight, in word and deed.

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But so I may the truth contain,
and still adhere to thee,

I fear no persecution,
nor wickeds injurie,

More hated can I not, then thou,
no more despised be:

More chargd with bitter calumnie
nor after get the lie.

More scorn'd and mocked in my fate
more followed at the back:

Luke 23. 11. Finger and tongue shut-forth wi
murgons that mockers make.

Psal. 12. 17. Less welcome where I offer love
John 1. 1. less thanked for good deeds:

More entertain'd in my countrey,
worst furnisht in my needs.

More friendly handled by my friends
and those of mine own blood,

Then thou was, I, yea not can be
who suffer that for good.

What can befall me which did not
before befall to thee?

What more desired for righteousness
can I expect to be?

Matt. 8. 20. What lodging less then ly thereon
what harder bed then rockes?

What sharper rest then not to sleepe
or to prevent the cocks?

What skant or want, more then to have
no peny in my purse,

Matt. 7. 27. Amongest such people as me hate
and in the'r heart me curse?

What greater hunger then to fast
and when it's time to eat,

To send & buy some course piece
and get no other meat?

John 4. 5. What greater Drought then want
in journey at mid-day

And for a drink of water call,
and hear one say me nay?

What spoil of goods more then to strip
 me naked to the skin,
 And in my sight divide my cloathes,
 and then to scorn begin?
 What danger more then present death,
 by stones lift up to cast:
 Where sleep down rocks, here man ad.
 to be thrown down, made fast. (Jug'd,
 What banisht can I more be then,
 for life chast here and there,
 without a hole to hide my head,
 which even to beasts is rare?
 What prison worse then fall in hands
 of persecuting Priests,
 Chirring like wolves for blood of saints
 to grace their godless feasts?
 What judgement more unjust then find
 my party sit as Judge,
 And still the less fault he can find,
 the more at me to grudge?
 And if I speak a modest truth,
 to smite me on the face:
 And pull the hair off head and cheeks.
 and all me to disgrace:
 What torment more then pricks thrust
 on's head four score at once: (in
 Dea all the flesh with scourging rent,
 and nothing safe but bones:
 And those so racked in all joints,
 as sinews non go free:
 But leges and armes asunder speld,
 hunge up and nail'd on tree:
 And what might seem to be untouch'd,
 thy tender bowels all,
 so burnt, as knocking welcom was
 by vinegar and gall.
 All this thou suffered, Lord, and more
 then any can express:
 Why should I then be fear'd for such
 like suffering more or less:

John 4. 5.

Matt. 2. 37.

John 8. 58.

Luke. 4. 20.

Matt. 26. 57

Mat. 26. 69

John 18. 22

Isai. 50. 6

Mat. 27. 29.

Mat. 27. 25.

Matt. 27. 4.

Thou

Thou came to witness for the truth,
and so must all thine do :

Thou came to suffer for the truth,
and so must all thine too.

Mat. 16. 24. None follow thee, except they be
content thy cross to bear :

2 Tim. 11. 2. None crown'd shal be excepted they w
for truth thy liues wear.

The truth is limite to thy word,
thine and none others law :

Joh. 5. 39. Thy scriptures meaning thou wilt have
my rule, and the full Law,

That I were inclin'd to do
what duties there are nam'd :

1 Plc. 4. 16. When when I suffer should for truth
I could not be asham'd.

Mat. 15. 19. And suffer must we, else do wrong,
when men from age to age,

To chop and change thine ordinances,
run head-long in a rage :

Psal. 119. And by their own traditions,
do make thy precepts void :

116.

Arguing their own will more then th
so lyed thy Law destroy'd.

Mat. 15. 9. But thou, Lord over all declares
such worship to be vain :

And ere we yeeld, thy jealousie
wills rather we be slain.

Yea, we do a needless work,
and weaken little ones,

Matt 18. 6. Be choose our urgers should us sink
in deep seas with millstones.

Psal. 56. 4. Then strengthen, Lord, my faith in thee
that flesh I do not fear :

But fear may only thine offence,
whose love be bought so dear.

And since thou hast me bought so dear
why may I not be sure,

John. 15. 1. That love which made thee pamy epic
shal stedfastly endure :

If I should lean to my free-will,
or strength, I could not stand;
Oft had I perish'd, if my life
had been in mine own hand.

I wonder not that such as lean
to their works, will, or strength,
let others so, and make themselves
apostasie at length

For such do not deny themselves,
and so not follow thee:

What I am to thee for refuge,
and so preserv'd must be.

Such souls are sensible of sin,
and sensible of wrath:

And flee from both to thee for life,
and in thee draw their breath.

Mat. 19. 21.

Heb. 6. 18,

How then can such not persevere,
and so be sav'd at length,

Whom thou dost empty of their own,
and fills with thy fresh strength.

These are the souls that come to thee,
whom thou wilt not cast out:

John 6. 37.

These souls are drawn & driven to thee,
whom thou must save, no doubt.

These are thy sheep for whom thou pray'st,
for whose life thou didst die:

John. 17. 9.

and 20. 28.

Whom itars shal not long deceive,
whom none can pull from thee.

These did thy Father give to thee,
with this express command:

and 6. 39.

Thou see thou lose not one of those,
I'll crave them at thine hand.

Keep them, and make them persevere,
and lead them all the way,

Ibid.

through life and death, and raise them
to glory at that day.

Thou dost accept this charge, and pawns
thy honor, charge to keep:

Thy faithful Shepherd well I know,
nor slumber will, nor sleep.

Psal. 12. 1. 4

These

- Heb. 9. These sin and law chased souls,
 Rom. 8. 9. true Isaacs all to be : (com
 and 8. 17. Children of promise styling them,
 Tit. 1. 1. and heirs annex with thee.
 Rom. 8. 9. These are Gods elect whom he hath
 predetermine of old :
 And in his counsel hath decreed
 to save, as he hath told.
 Whom to assure of endless life,
 by his unchang'd decree,
 Heb. 6. 18. His truth and oath he laid in pawn,
 and, 6. 12. in which he cannot lie.
 And swore by his eternal self,
 for greater there was none,
 hat of this elect company
 there should not perish one.
 And thou these souls like ship on sea
 may fearfully be tost :
 And whiles may seem close over wheel
 yet none such shal be lost.
 Their anker lyes within the hail,
 Heb. 6. 19. no wind can make it drive :
 It lyes where thou art landed, Lord
 and where we shal arrive.
 Rom. 1. 28. Now whose faith that thy elect
 for all this perishing may :
 And that thy Saints of purpose call
 from thee may fall away
 And lowes us from leaning on
 the strength of thy right hand.
 Mat. 7. 24. They draw from building on the rock
 and bids us build on sand.
 They say, Peter and Judas are
 all belov'd of thee :
 And that they both for gifts receive
 alike beholden be.
 Mat. 26. 15. As Judas for his perishing,
 may wryte the love of self :
 So Peter his free-will for life
 may praise and thank himself.

True Christian love.

They say, thou knowest not who ate thine
if none they make thee sure?
They say, the Lords foundation
both not ay firm endure.
They say, thou chooseth some to day,
and cast'st them off the morn:
They make thee like vain man to be,
and do thy counsel scorn.
They make thee pray for thine elect,
and not get thy request:
As though thou for them live for ay,
to interceed as Priest.
Gods elect whom he gives right
to be his sons and heirs,
They make them want sure right to have
the heritage for theirs.
The Saints till death seduc'd may be,
and sheep pull'd from thine hand,
Whom God thee charg'd to keep & save,
to say, they do not stand.
By word, thy oath, thy covenant,
they make no certainty:
Altho' anker they make alive, they speak
in substance, blasphemy.
They make the merchant nothing wise,
and very short of thought,
Who pay'd the price and was not sure
to have what thou had bought.
As so unwise, as for thy sheep
thine own life not to spare:
Whom thou may lose, though so dear
Such foolish blocks are rare. (bought, and 13.
Wicked thoughts, be far from me,
I know thy love doth last:
And whom of purpose thou dost call,
thy grace doth hold them fast.
Whom thou dost love, for them thou dy'd:
for whom thou dy'd they live.
By love, thy ransoming, and heaven,
all jointly thou dost give.

1 Tim. 2. 8.

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Heb. 6. 1. 6.

17. 18.

John 17. 9.

Rom. 8. 34.

Heb. 7. 25.

Rom. 8. 16.

John 16. 28

Heb. 6. 18.

John 10. 11

Rom. 8. 10.

and 5. 8.

John 4. And whosoever hates his sin,
 and sets his love on thee,
 May be assur'd thou lov'dst him
 and for his life didst die.

John 11.17 Thou that knowst I hate my
 and seeks to have it slain:

John 11.17 Thou that knowst all, knowst I
 and feelst it not in vain.

Gal. 2.20. Then, Lord, my love thou wilt all
 that I apply thy death:

Psal. 116. And by that means perswaded rest,
 to be excec'm'd from wrath.

17.

And well I wot the ransome is
 sufficient enough

He to redeem from hell, and imp
 me in thee as thy bough.

Rom. 4. 5. For me thou emptied thy self,
 and stood in Fathers law:

Phil. 2. 7. For me thou emptied thy self,
 and stood in Fathers aw.

Gal. 3. 24. For me thou took on thee the curse,
 and felt thy fathers wrath:

Mat. 29.33. For me oft plunged was thy soul,
 and heavy to the death

For which I sinfully did laugh,
 thou mourn'd and wept full sore:

For pleasure taken in my sin,
 through grief oft didst thou roar.

For mine ill words thou silenc'd wast
 and knew not what to say:

Mark 27. For mine ill deeds thou, Lord, wast
 condemn'd and led away. (bo

John 1. 18. Thy ditty were each one my wrong
 against both God and man:

John 1. 18. Thy sentence was my due desert
 for sins whereto I ran.

These lashes laid upon thy skin,

these stripes and all thy wounds

John 12.27 were for my souls wounds made
 for love, which thou abounds.

thus, my Love to see thee sad :
 O thus to see thee weep :
 thus to hear thee groan and pant,
 and cry with sighs cut deep.
 my agony : O fearful sweat :
 O tears : O bloody drops :
 how mingled down from cheeks to feet, Luke 28.
 each chasing other hops. 24.
 see my Love, for love of me
 on bloody shoulders bear
 that cross, that curse, that growing March. 17,
 and trembling thus for fear. (watch
 to see Almighty God so weak,
 lifes fountain thus to die :
 with shame and pain overcharg'd, ill and 26. 45:
 wendred, and all for me. (heaven
 does me for all sins : wees me
 for roots of sin so strong :
 which have so long time grown in me,
 and like to stick so long
 on, help, my Love, to have them slain : Rom. 7.4:
 oh, here revenge thy death.
 oh, on this ill avenge me too,
 which wrong'd us both so hath.
 tell's me, I wot thou wilt anon,
 grant this, and each request :
 none our joy perfect shal be,
 none our marriage feast.
 as thou dy'd for me, for me
 so also didst thou rise :
 and reigns as God, and shal me fetch,
 makes thy selfe me wife.
 and lovers, tell me now if you
 have any love like this :
 me take a share with me, my love
 wholly spiritual is.
 me, change your loves, and love
 else you perish shal : (with me,
 charge your loves to do the same
 perish shal, you all,

Match. 26.
 3. 8.

Luke 28.
 24.

March. 17,
 ill and 26. 45:
 (heaven

Rom. 7.4:

John. 16. 23
 Rom. 5. 25.
 1 Thess. 4.

Cant. 5. 10.
 and 5. 16.

2 Cor. 16. Gods curse on him that loveth not
26. my Love, Lord Jesus Christ

Eph. 22. Loves not them that do love
this curse with death keeps true

As 2. 24. Behold, this is my Love, yet it
4. he could like your love die,

Rev. 2. 1. 8. All these excellencies of his
Should work my miserie.

2 Cor. 5. 7. Or yet if I by death could be
depriv'd of this my love :

All that is said, or can ye more,
were nought to my behove.

But now my Love shall never die
his dayes shall never end :

Rev. 1. 18. His life shall eternize his love,

Heb. 1. 12. his life to love doth tend.

1 Cor. 13. And I by death shall have no loss
my love shall then be more.

14. Both mine to him, and his to me,
blessed be God therefore :

Yea, and because I cannot live,
and block his love beneath,

My chariot to eternal life,
Death be appointed hath.

2 Kings 2. Therefore till death his love shall
11. the best part of my life :

In him I'll strive, gainst baser
and death will end the strife.

Only, my Lord, still pity me,
and tarry not too long :

Rev. 22, 20 By spirit & flesh cry, Come, Lord
Death shall renew my long.

E I N I S.

